

Kawartha Muslim Religious Association Fund for Women and Children



Following the deliberate burning of Masjid al Salaam, Peterborough's only mosque, the community came together to show support and solidarity for the members of Kawartha Muslim Religious Association (KMRA) in many ways, including a crowd funding campaign that raised more than \$110,000 in 30 hours. "This crime was intended to create fear, division, and hatred but in fact had the opposite effect." Says Dr. Abdella, "We believe strongly that something remarkable has come out of this tragedy in the form of overwhelming community solidarity."

Motivated, in part by Greater Peterborough's 2015 Vital Signs® report focused on belonging and inclusion, and with the agreement of contributors to the campaign, Dr. Kenzu Abdella approached the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough about using the surplus donations to establish a fund, which would meet the needs of vulnerable women and children. YWCA Crossroads Shelter and Five Counties Children Centre received grants of \$28,500 each. The remaining \$20,000 is the core of a permanently endowed fund, held and invested by the Community Foundation to provide support to the YWCA Crossroads Shelter and Five Counties Children Centre for years to come.

Grants made to the Five Counties Children Centre go towards enhancing the independence and enrich the quality of life of children with physical or developmental disabilities. Grants made to the YWCA Crossroads Shelter will provide safe nights for women and children fleeing abusive situations.



A public foundation and registered charity, Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough inspires giving to build a vital community for everyone. We bring donors to the table as community builders, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs. We pool the charitable gifts of donors to create endowment funds and use the investment income to make grants to charities in the City and County of Peterborough. This long-term approach gives the Foundation the staying power to address complex challenges and opportunities in our community.

Inspiring giving to build a vital community for everyone.



Make a Donation Today

Donations to the **Kawartha Muslim Religious Association Fund for Women & Children** may be made on-line at http://www.cfqp.ca/donate_now.asp. Be sure to indicate that your gift is to be directed to this fund.

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